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The Honorable Patti B. Saris United States District Court District of Massachusetts One Courthouse Way Boston, MA 02210

Re:

Overlapping Claims and Defendants in MDL No. 1456 and International Union of Operating Engineers, Local No. 68 Welfare Fund v.AstraZeneca PLC, et al. – Civil Action Number MON-L-3136-06

Dear Judge Saris:

The Overlapping Corporate Defendants in the New Jersey AWP case filed a response regarding overlapping claims and defendants on October 2, 2007. Document No. 4771. We are writing to inform you that the Fund and the defendants are negotiating on the terms of dismissal of the claims and defendants that overlap with MDL 1456. We will keep you apprised of our progress.

Respectfully Submitted,

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